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four blast 25X1X furnaces were installed at the Azovstal Iron and Steel Flant in Zhdanov, and that two of them were at that time destroyed to their foundations while the other two were heavily damaged.

- 2. Blast furnace No. 4, one of the two damaged furnaces, was the first to be repaired. It was completed 27 November 1944. The second furnace resumed operations in July 1946. Information on the third and fourth blast furnaces has been transmitted in the following reports which were received subsequent to the one in question.\*
  - a. "In February 1948 three old blast furnaces had been rebuilt; a fourth one under reconstruction was completed in September 1948."\*\*
  - b. "In August 1949 three blast furnaces were in operation; another one was under construction,"\*\*\*\* 25X1A
  - c. "Blast furnace No. 3 was completed in November 1948; while the target date for completion of No. 4 was 31 October 1949.

    "The fourth blast furnace was to be completed by the anniversary of the October Revolution."
- 3. The construction of a fifth blast furnace and subsequently even more has been reported. The fact that the capacity of the big rolling mill surpasses that of the blast furnaces lends evidence to the above statement. However, with the addition of blast furnaces, the smooth flow of production would necessitate the availability of an additional open hearth furnace. Construction of such a furnace has only been mentioned once. The following reports contain information regarding
  - a. One source reports: "A fifth blast furnace was under construction in August 1949."

    "The blast fur 5×1A nace plant consisted of five blast furnaces, three of which were in ope 5×1A eration at any given time while a fourth one was repaired in turns. The fifth furnace was nearing completion in early 1949. Because the output of the blast furnace remained far below the capacity of the rolling

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mill, construction of further blast furnaces is planned. The construction site has already been staked out."\*\*

b. "Two more blast furnaces are scheduled for construction 300 meters east of the most northerly furnace. The terrain was already levelled, individual parts of the new furnaces had arrived allegedly from the Polish occupied territory of Germany."\*\*



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